Claims

1. A process for producing the compound of formula I

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wherein a compound of formula IV

is desilylated in a protic solvent, and simultaneously reacted with N-methylpyrrolidine to form a compound of formula VI, and this is then converted into the compound of formula I

- 2. A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the protic solvent is a $C_1\text{-}C_4\text{-}alcohol$.
- 3. A process according to claim 1 or 2, wherein conversion of the compound of formula IV is effected using a basic ion exchanger.
- 4. A process as claimed in claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein conversion of the compound of formula VI into the compound of formula I is effected through the free betaine of formula VII in isolated form.

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